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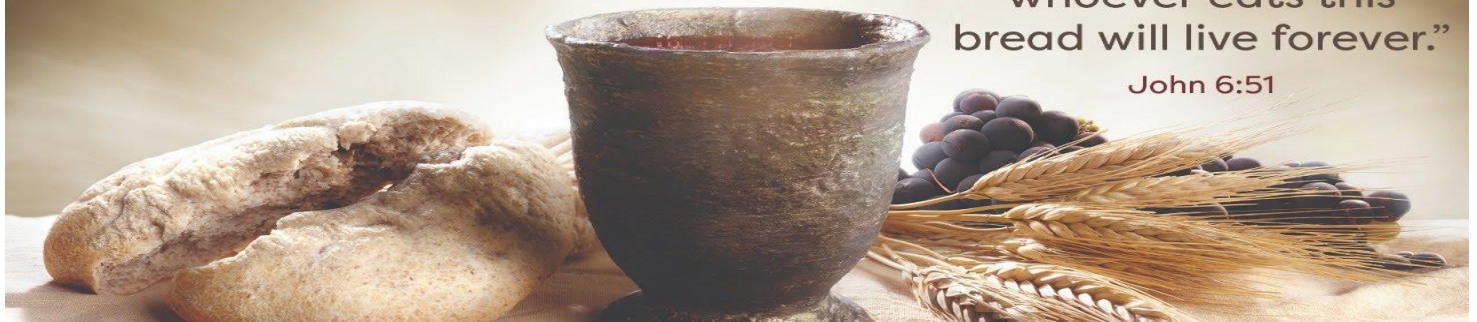
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The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ

Jesus said:
"I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats this
bread will live forever."

John 6:51



MASS

Saturday

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:00 AM

Masses are also

live streamed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday – June 22

The Body & Blood of Christ

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM - Mass

Monday – June 23

9:00AM - Morning Mass

Tuesday – June 24

9:00AM – Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday – June 25

9:00AM - Morning Mass

9:30AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – June 26

No Morning Mass

Friday – June 27

9:00AM – Morning Mass

10:00AM – Adult Faith Enrichment

Saturday – June 28

5:00PM - Mass

Sunday – June 29

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM – Mass

Monday – June 30

9:00AM - Morning Mass

Tuesday – July 1

9:00AM - Morning Mass

10:00AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday – July 2

9:00AM - Morning Mass

9:30AM – Legion of Mary

Thursday – July 3

No Morning Mass

Friday – July 4

9:00AM – Morning Mass

Parish Office is closed

Saturday – July 5

5:00PM – Mass

Sunday – July 6

Parish Food Collection

9:00AM – Mass

11:00AM – Mass

12:30PM - Baptisms

Mass Schedule + Readings

Saturday June- 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

(2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34)

5:00pm *Kristen O'Connor* r/b The O'Connor Family

Sunday June- 22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Gn 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17)

9:00am *Steven Sykes* r/b The Semanchick Family

11:00am *Jameson Murphy* r/b His Grandparents

Monday June- 23 Weekday

(Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5)

9:00am *Frank Perrone* r/b The Giffen Family

Tuesday June- 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

(Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80)

9:00am *Liam Geraghty* r/b Bill & Marie Schubel

Wednesday June- 25 Weekday

(Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20)

9:00am *Healing Intentions of Richard & Cindy Hills*
r/b Frances DeRosa

Thursday June- 26 Weekday No Mass

(Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16 Mt 7:21-29)

Friday June- 27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Ez 34:11-16 Rom 5:5b-11 / Lk 15:3-7)

9:00am *Chris Kopacz* r/b His Family

Saturday June- 28 St Irenaeus The Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Gn 18:1-15 Lk 2:41-51)

5:00pm *Harold Coy* r/b St Joseph Reader's Club

Sunday June- 29 Saints Peter and Paul

(Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19)

9:00am *Mary Juca* r/b Ellen & John Pawlowski

11:00am *Chris Kopacz* r/b A Friend



Sanctuary Candle... this week

Steven Sykes r/b The Semanchick Family

Prayer Chain Contacts:

Patty Hileman- 732-446-7651

Mary Costagliola 732-446-4255

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

The sick and the lonely, the safe return of our service men & women, for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life and for the hungry and the homeless

Some thoughts from Fr. Mike...

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a feast that draws us back to the heart of our faith: the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is not merely a ritual. It is Jesus Himself—truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. And through it, He gives us everything.

In our Gospel today from Luke, we see Jesus feeding the crowd. Five loaves and two fish. It's a familiar story—but it is more than a miracle of multiplication. It is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Jesus blesses, breaks, and gives the food to His disciples to distribute to the people. These same actions—bless, break, give—are echoed at the Last Supper and repeated at every Mass.

What is Jesus showing us? That He not only teaches and heals, but feeds. He provides for our deepest hunger—not just for bread, but for communion with God. In the Eucharist, He becomes our food so that we may have life in us.

Saint Paul, in our second reading, reminds us of that sacred moment at the Last Supper: *"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* The Eucharist is not just a memory. It's a living reality. Every time we come to the altar, we stand at Calvary and the Upper Room at the same time. Christ offers Himself again—not in pain, but in love—so that we can be united to Him.

The First Reading speaks of Melchizedek, the priest-king, offering bread and wine and blessing Abraham. This ancient priest points forward to Christ, our true High Priest, who offers not just bread and wine, but His very self under the appearances of bread and wine.

So, what does this mean for us today?

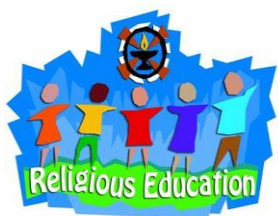
It means that every time we receive the Eucharist, we are not just attending a ceremony—we are being drawn into the very life of God. It means that we are united with Christ and with each other in a communion that surpasses any human connection. And it challenges us. Just as Jesus gave Himself for others, we who receive Him must become what we receive. The Eucharist nourishes us to become Eucharistic people—men and women who live lives of self-gift, compassion, and mercy. We are sent from Mass to be His hands and feet in the world.

Let us never take this gift for granted. Let us approach the Eucharist with reverence, with love, with gratitude. And may our lives reflect the One we receive—Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Peace, prayers and love,

Fr. Mike

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2025 - 2026



Registration for Religious Education classes is now taking place.

Registration forms are available on our website at

<https://stjosephmillstone.org/prep-parish-religious-education-program>. The Parent Handbook, which includes the registration forms for returning students and new students, will be found under the "Documents" section of the webpage. Fill out the appropriate form and return along with the Parent Agreement and payment. Please remember, we need a copy of the Baptism Certificate for

those who will enter the 1st grade and for any child who is transferring from another Religious Education Program. Some sessions and times do fill up, so please return the registration form as soon as possible. Once a session/time fills up, no other students are placed in that class. Children are placed in classes on a first come, first served basis. Please read all policies before registering your child. ***Please note that if enrollment in a particular grade is low, we may eliminate one of the classes for that grade. So please be sure to include 2nd and 3rd choices for the desired time and day.*** Thanks

ST JOSEPH CHURCH ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SUMMER SERIES 2025



Human ingenuity, intellect and faith come together this summer as we experience the Divine presence through documentary films. *Leonardo Da Vinci*, Inside the mind of a genius will be shown in 2 parts. The film explores the astounding imagination of this fifteenth century Italian master who left behind beautiful works of art, anatomical sketches, studies of geology, and designs for machines of war and flight. We will then travel *Inside the Vatican* to meet officials, historians, and other devoted

individuals who provide insight into the remarkable history and unique traditions of the Vatican that have survived 2000 years. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Programs will be shown on select Fridays - **6/27, 7/11 and 8/1 in the parish hall 10 AM-12:00 PM.**

As we move into the more casual pace of summer, take some time to join us for light refreshments, discussion, and fun!

Please take a flyer located on the table at the entrance to the church for more details. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church, or email Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate at:

vickicstjoseph@gmail.com. All adult members of the parish are invited. You are welcome to choose to attend any individual session or all three!

GOLF OUTING



The 25th Annual St. Joseph Men's Guild Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ. Brochures that include registration and sponsor information are available on the table at the entrance of the church. The registration information is also available on the Parish website at <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/golf-outing>. There are great opportunities for sponsors available. If you need additional information, please contact Dave - dcerulosr@gmail.com. The proceeds from the golf outing are used to help with some parish costs and offer assistance to those in need. Come and have a wonderful day at the course.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a faith journey for those who wish to be Baptized, those who are Baptized and are interested in joining the Catholic Church and those who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). The RCIA is a journey of faith where people are encouraged to discern God's call in their lives. It is not a typical classroom setting. Our Catholic beliefs are introduced and explained and *participants in the RCIA are encouraged to see how our beliefs, practices, Liturgies and Sacraments can have an impact in everyday situations.* Anyone and everyone is invited to "come and see" to find out if the RCIA process is what you are being drawn to in your life. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Fr. Mike – frmikestjoseph@optonline.net or 732-792-2270.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) NEWS



There will be a Middle School Youth Group Gathering on Wednesday, July 16 from 7:00PM until 8:30PM. It will be on the parish lawn (the Parish Hall if it is raining). Come and have some fun.

The MSYG events are open to all youth in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions concerning the MSYG, please contact Leslie Tkachuk at 732-794-2556 or latkachuk@aol.com. Please check out the Middle School Youth Group's web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/middle-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online registration form to receive communications about future events.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG) NEWS



The High School Youth Group is open to all those is grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Youth are encouraged to bring their friends as all are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Schlegel at 732-816-8422 or rgsch71@aol.com.

The HSYG plan to participate in the DoT's Mission Jersey service event at the Church of the Visitation in Brick on July 8th. The event starts at 9am and ends at 4pm. Therefore, we will meet in the St. Joseph Church parking lot at 8am and return around 4:30pm on that day. Additional details and the required forms may be found on the HSYG web page as listed below.

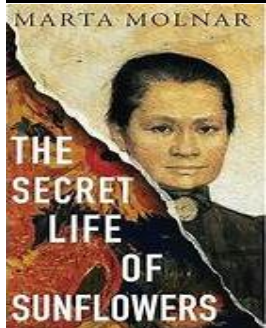
HSYG Web Page - Please check out the High School Youth Group's web page at: <https://stjosephmillstone.org/high-school-youth-group> for additional information or to complete the online registration form to receive direct communications about our future events.

FOOD COLLECTION



Thank you for your continued generosity with the food donations. There will always be a need for assistance with food for many people so we will continue to collect food, paper goods and toiletries in the bins inside the church entrances. After the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers will deliver the donated items to the Millstone Community Center where they are greatly appreciated and will reach those in need. ***Please check food for expiration dates or "best by" dates – items past the date cannot be given to others so please do not bring food that is past the expiration date.*** Thank you again for your generosity.

READER'S CLUB



The Reader's Club has chosen "*The Secret Life of Sunflowers*" by Marta Molnar. A gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 30 at 7:30PM. The theme for food will be Dutch/French. For more information about the Reader's Club or to RSVP contact Fran - ambiofran@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS 2025



All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2025 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 3 PM. To register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or stop at the parish office to receive a registration form. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 8, 2025**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit or crochet shawls that are given to those who are sick or going through difficulties in life. The purpose of the shawl is to offer encouragement and to allow the individual to be wrapped in the prayers of those who made the shawl. Especially in challenging times, it is good to know that we are not alone and can wrap ourselves in the prayers of others. If you knit or crochet you are welcome to join us. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00AM. You can make shawls from home as well. If you are in need of some comfort and would like a prayer shawl, just let us know. We will pray for you and do our best to get a shawl to you. For more information, or to request a shawl, please contact Pat - 314PMCD@gmail.com.

STAY CONNECTED – FIND THE LATEST NEWS

Don't forget to stay in touch with parish events through social media. Find out what is going on at our website at www.stjosephmillstone.org. Connect with the parish on Facebook. Give our page a like to keep informed about events. You can find the parish page on Facebook at St. Joseph Catholic Church Millstone Twp. NJ or @stjosephchurchmillstone. Stay informed – stay connected!



A convenient way to donate is through online Parish Giving. This is offered free of charge to you so that you may make donations by credit card or transfer from your checking account. Check it out at WWW.stjosephmillstone.org and click on "Contribute/Donate" then click on the link for **Electronic Giving**. You can then set up an account or choose a onetime donation without an account. If you have any questions about this, please email or leave a message for Fr. Mike

CHOIRS, CANTORS AND MUSIC MINISTRY



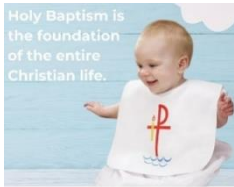
Do you like to sing? Do you use your voice to praise God? The parish choirs would love to have you join either the St. Choir or the Children's Choir. You do not need to be a professional singer. If you have a good voice and feel comfortable in leading singing, why not use your talent to be a Cantor at Mass? Can you play an instrument and are willing to put your talent to use as we gather to celebrate Mass? Perhaps you would like to join the contemporary group. These opportunities do not demand a lot of time – just a commitment and willingness. If you would like to become part of a choir, serve as a Cantor or lend your musical abilities, you can email Kristine at kris0373@aol.com or sign up by visiting our parish website <https://www.stjosephmillstone.org/music-ministry>

Let us always be willing to praise our loving God.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM (There are no Baptisms during Lent). Up to four families will be scheduled for each celebration of Baptism. If you would like to schedule Baptism for your child, please call the parish office 732-792-2270.

BAPTISM BIBS



At the Sacrament of Baptism for infants, a white Baptismal bib is given to each child as a symbol that they have been clothed with Christ. We have been blessed with parishioners who have lovingly made the bibs. This gives it a special meaning since they come from members of the community. If any of those who have so lovingly made the Baptism bibs can continue, that would be very much appreciated. New people who would like to make the bibs are also welcome. If

you would like to see a sample, please see Fr. Mike. The Baptism bib is a symbol of the newly Baptized child putting on Christ. The purpose of having parishioners make the bibs instead of using prepackaged felt bibs, is to demonstrate that we are all connected in faith and as community. While making the bibs, many have prayed for the child who will receive it. If you have questions or just want some more information, contact Fr. Mike or see him after Mass. Thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please sign up to serve at Mass. If Deacon Chris is present, we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers. If Deacon Chris is not present, we will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the library. Thanks

LIVE STREAM OF MASS –

Masses are live streamed on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/event/106444>, on our parish website at www.stjosephmillstone.org/live-stream on our Facebook Page (*although it seems that Facebook and Vimeo are not working well together so it is best to use YouTube or Vimeo*) www.facebook.com/stjosephchurchmillstone and on the Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StJosephChurchMillstoneTwp

LEGION OF MARY

Do you have a devotion to the Blessed Mother? Do you pray the rosary? The Legion of Mary, an international Catholic Ministry, will enrich your spiritual growth as well as benefitting others. We meet on Wednesdays after the 9:00AM Mass. Anyone in the parish is invited to come to find out more about the Legion of Mary. If anyone is interested in taking the Visiting Pilgrim statue of Mary to their home, contact Claire – 732-995-0969.

HELP US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The Parish uses Flocknotes which is a program to send out email and text messages to parishioners. This will allow us to stay in touch about parish events, emergency closings and important information. To benefit from this, you must sign up with your cell phone number and/or email address. In the present time, it is important that we have a way to get news out to everyone. We will use Flocknotes to let parents know if Religious Education classes are canceled and we send out reminders about scheduled closings for holidays, etc. It is easy to be on the notification list – just text the code sjmill to 84576 and follow the prompts. You may also go to our website to be included – stjosephmillstone.org/flocknotes. Just enter your information and follow the prompts. You can then select the groups that you want information from. All information is confidential.

TRANSPORT PEOPLE FROM MILLSTONE MANOR TO CHURCH

On Sunday mornings, some of our parishioners transport residents of Millstone Manor to our Church for Mass. There is a need for some additional drivers to fill in the schedule. If you are willing to help, or want to find out more information, please contact Mickey at brunonap@AOL.com. THANKS



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

PARISH INFORMATION

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<i>Rev. Michael P. Lang - Pastor</i> frmikestjoseph@optonline.net	Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM
<i>Chris Chandonnet, Permanent Deacon</i> Chrisstjoseph@optonline.net	Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Vicki Craig, Pastoral Associate</i> vickicstjoseph@gmail.com	Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri - 9:00AM
<i>Jean Semanchick, Parish Secretary & Coordinator of Religious Education</i> Jeanstjoseph@optonline.net	Holy Days: as listed in the bulletin
<i>Kristine Reide, Music Ministry Leader</i> Kris0373@aol.com	Confessions: Confessions take place on Saturdays after the 5:00PM Mass or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM – The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM. Baptisms must be scheduled in advance by calling the Parish Office. Sponsors must obtain Sponsor forms from their home parish – Sponsors must be active practicing Catholics. The Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

Marriage – Diocesan policy requires that arrangements for Marriage be made one (1) year in advance of the wedding. Refer any questions to the Pastor.

Sick Calls – Please contact the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill requiring a visit by a Priest. If someone is unable to attend Mass on a regular basis and would like to receive Communion please call the Parish Office

Registration – We are glad you are here and want you to feel like a full member of the parish. Registering as a parishioner helps us to know who you are and to stay in touch. Registration is required for sponsor forms.

Sponsor Certificates – This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation. To receive a form, the following is required: -Be a registered, active (attends Mass) member of the parish (for at least 6 months); be at least 16 years of age; must have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation; If married, have a valid marriage within the Church.

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